Anti-India Tirade on Kashmir by Pakistan Diplomatic Missions

*620. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the reported statement by a top aide of the Prime Minister of Pakistan that Pakistan Diplomatic Missions were asked to step-up anti-India tirade on Kashmir, and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to counter the above move?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have and will continue to take appropriate measures to project the correct picture regarding the situation in Jammu and Kashmir. The international community has been apprised of the fact of Pakistan's assistance to terrorism and subversion in the State, which is an integral part of India.

Government have also on several occasions asked Pakistan to desist from hostile propaganda and its unwarranted interference in our internal affairs which violate the Simla Agreement and universally accepted norms of inter-state conduct.

Expenditure on Bargi Dam Project

*621. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on the Bargi Dam Project in Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) the steps taken to secure World Bank assistance for the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The expenditure incurred on the Bargi Dam Project in Madhya Pradesh during the VII Plan is Rs. 117.24 crores.

(b) Distribution system for Bargi Project alongwith Rajghat Canal Project of Madhya Pradesh has been recommended as a composite project under the name of Madhya Pradesh Irrigation Project for possible World Bank assistance.

Calcutta Mahanagar Telephone Nigam

*622. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to set up the Calcutta Mahanagar Telephone Nigam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): The recommendations of the High Level Committee (Athreya Committee) set up by the Government for recommending the most appropriate structure for Telecom Department are under active consideration. Since Calcutta Telephones is a part of the telecom structure of the country, any decision regarding setting up of the Calcutta Mahanagar Telephone Nigam will be taken as a part of the decisions on the recommendations of the Committee.

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Ispat Dolomite Quarry of Rourkela Steel Plant

*623. SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ispat Dolomite Quarry of Rourkela Steel Plant at Baradwar is lying closed;